

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
April 1, 2008 MINUTES

On Tuesday, April 1, 2008, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 9:10 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners David Schulz and Marilyn Ross present. Commissioner Jim Hart was absent to attend the annual MACRS Convention in Helena, Montana, but participated in the meeting by telephone beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Marilyn Ross moved to approve the March 25, 2008, minutes as corrected. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Roger Staley, Rick Schlenker, Barbie Durham, and Vicki Tilstra.

Varney / Blaine Springs Bridges: Marilyn Ross moved to approve sending a letter, dated April 1, 2008, to Kent Barnes, Bridge Engineer, and Jeff Ebert, Supervisor, Montana Department of Transportation, requesting that the Varney and Blaine Springs Bridges be reconsidered as a priority within the MDOT bridge replacement program. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Cote Meadows Minor Release of LOC: Marilyn Ross moved to fully release Letter of Credit #2007-7, in the amount of \$12,937.50, for the account of Miller Cattle Company for subdivision improvements for Cote Meadows Minor Subdivision, in favor of Madison County, filed in the Madison County Clerk and Recorder's Office as Document #123246. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

2008 TSEP Bridge Application: After reviewing documents sent by Jeremiah Theys, Great West Engineering, Marilyn Ross moved to advertise the Notice of Public Hearings for the purpose of obtaining views from the residents of the County regarding the Preliminary Engineering Reports and the submittal of a Treasure State Endowment Program application for the replacement of three bridges. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Public Hearing #1 will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at the Madison Valley Fire Hall in Ennis, Montana, and Public Hearing #2 will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday April 16, 2008, at the Town Hall in Sheridan, Montana. The Board will complete and return bridge replacement questionnaires and solicit support letters for the projects.

Conservation District Board Appointments: Per letter, dated March 21, 2008, from Peggy Kaatz, Election Administrator, Marilyn Ross moved to appoint Gary Giem by acclamation to the Ruby Valley Conservation District Board for a four year term that will expire in 2012; and to appoint Kevin Boltz and Lawrence Brooke by acclamation to the Madison Valley Conservation District Board both for four year terms that will expire in 2012. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Water and Sewer District Board Appointments: Per letter, dated March 21, 2008, from Peggy Kaatz, Election Administrator, Marilyn Ross moved to appoint Delbert Hartford and Ralph Northway by acclamation to the Alder Water and Sewer District Board both for four year terms that will expire in 2012. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Journal Vouchers: Marilyn Ross moved to approve Journal Vouchers for the March, 2008, accounting period. David Schulz seconded the motion. David Schulz and Marilyn Ross voted aye. Jim Hart abstained from voting as he had not seen the journal vouchers. The motion carried on a majority vote.

The telephone conference with Jim Hart ended at this point.

Maintenance Issues: Roger Staley, Maintenance, met with the Board to discuss maintenance issues and his summer schedule. Roger presented the Board with a list of items that need to be completed. The Board reviewed the list with Roger and made further suggestions. David Schulz suggested that clear plastic trim be placed on corners of high traffic areas in the courthouse to help preserve the paint and asked that Roger wash the lower windows of the Courthouse rather than waiting for a contractor to do it. The Board also requested that Roger check on the storage space at the Library and make arrangements to remove the old furnace. In discussing summer hours, Roger stated that last summer he requested to be allowed to work three ten hour shifts per week but that it did not work out and he went from three to four ten hour shifts. He requested that he again be allowed to work four ten hour shifts through the summer months. The Board will take this request under advisement. Checking in and out with the Sheriff's Office when working before or after regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) as stated in the Madison County Personnel Policy Manual, and the generator at the nursing home in Sheridan were also discussed.

Madison Valley Hospital Final Budget Update: The Board conducted a telephone conference with Sam Korsmoe, Economic Development Director, Pete Brekhus, Madison Valley Hospital Administrator, and Neil Kent, Madison Valley Hospital Board, to discuss the final budget for the new Madison Valley Hospital. Sam stated that they are amending the plan to finish the building all in one phase and predict that the final closing will be held near the end of April.

Committeeman and Committeewoman Appointments: Per letter, dated March 24, 2008, from Peggy Kaatz, Election Administrator, Marilyn Ross moved to appoint Scott Petersen by acclamation as Republican Committeeman for Precinct 1-1, Virginia City; to appoint Amanda Petersen by acclamation as Republican Committeewoman for Precinct 1-1, Virginia City; to appoint Steven Jones by acclamation as Republican Committeeman for Precinct 20, Ennis Rural; and to appoint Linda K. Wagner by acclamation as Republican Committeewoman for Precinct 15-1, Jefferson Island. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Grants: Rick Schlenker, Schlenker and McKittrick Architects, Vicki Tilstra, Chief Financial Officer, and Barbie Durham, Grant Writer, met with the Board to discuss the Preliminary Architectural Report for the Madison Valley Manor and the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center. For the Ennis portion of the project Rick recommended removal of the existing stucco and wall sheathing, installing new sheathing where necessary, and then a new siding material, eaves and gutters, and new shingle roof areas. Replacement of the existing windows would be an option up to a maximum \$300,000 project. Authorization was given for the PAR to move forward with the solution and costs outlined and not for actually implementing this project. The possibility of implementing the project this summer was discussed. Rick then discussed the needs at the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center, mainly, life-safety issues (sprinkler systems, fire separations, sewer repair, seismic repairs, etc.), the new Kitchen and Laundry, more space for both the residents and staff, moving to mostly single bed occupancies, and providing AC and improved heating capability and control. A possible solution for expansion with a budget of approximately \$4.4 million for the entire project was discussed. A possible Phase 1 which would include a Kitchen/Laundry Addition and the major life safety issues was estimated at approximately \$1.5 million. Expanding Phase 1 slightly to include the additions outlined for Administration, Activities, and Meeting Room, would push the project budget to approximately \$2 million. Commissioners, Vicki, and others discussed the importance of needs identified for the facility but that projected costs make many of the projects beyond our ability to fund. Life and safety issues identified should remain high priority with other project options considered as funding and need allow. Again, the authorization was given for the PAR to move forward with the solutions and costs outlined and not for actually implementing the project.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

David Schulz, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: April 8, 2008

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